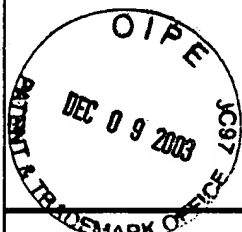


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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**



Application Number: 09/436,506
Filing Date: November 9, 1999
First Named Inventor: T.W. Bish et al.
Group Art Unit: 2177
Examiner Name: Mohammad Ali
Atty Docket Number: TU999036

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
 - iii. ☐ Other ____.

- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply, 19 pages
 - ii. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
 - iii. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
 - iv. ☒ Postcard

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Fee of \$ ____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.)
- b. ☐ Other ____.

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0466.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☒ Other Charge Any Deficiency.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ ____ is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) for extending One Month Extension of Time to Two Month Extension.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (print/type) David W. Victor

Registration No. Registration No. 39,867

Signature

Date December 5, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

Name (print/type) David W. Victor

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Date December 5, 2003